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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 9599

AMEMBASSY RABAT

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, XF, BR

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST INVESTMENT MISSION TO BRAZIL

REF: BEIRUT 8437 (NOT SENT RABAT)

1. CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO MIDDLE EAST INVESTMENT GROUP (REFTTEL) PRIOR TO ITS DEPARTURE TO EXPLORE INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES IN BRAZIL. THUS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED ON TV AND IN THE PRESS THAT GROUP WAS INVITED TO CALL ON PRESIDENT GRANGIE AND TO ATTEND A LUNCH AT THE PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE.

2. GROUP INCLUDES BOTH LEBANESE AND GULF STATE REPRESENTATIVES. AS NOTED IN REFTTEL, IT IS HEADED BY LUCIEN DAHDAH, CHAIRMAN OF INTRABANK SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION INTRA INVESTMENT COMPANY (IN WHICH THE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION STILL HAS A 7-1/2 PERCENT INTEREST PENDING RECUPERATION OF BAD INTRA BANK DEBT). PERSON MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZING DETAILS OF TRIP (AND WHO MADE PRELIMINARY TRIP TO BRAZIL) IS INTRA INVESTMENT'S  
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FINANCIAL ADVISOR ROBERT FAST, AND AMERICAN CITIZEN AND

FORMER EMPLOYEE OF SMITH, BARNEY. ANOTHER U.S. CITIZEN  
IN THE GROUP IS DR. EVANS GAZALA, WHO IS OF IRAQI EXTRACTION  
AND REPRESENTATIVE OF FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK OF BOSTON.

3. EMBASSY HAS HAD CLOSE CONTACTS WITH BOTH FAST AND GAZALA  
AND HAS FOUND THEM TO BE VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND QUITE  
FORTHCOMING.

4. STOPOVER IN MOROCCO EN ROUTE PLANNED.  
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